

RECYCLE

These kinds of things go in the recycling bin.

Plastics:

Empty and rinse, no lids

Milk, juice and pop bottles

Yogurt, dairy and margarine tubs

Shampoo and conditioner bottles

Window, bathroom and kitchen cleaner bottles

Detergent and fabric softener bottles



Mixed paper and newspaper:

Keep it loose, don't bundle or bag or tie

Newspaper and advertising inserts

Advertising mail and envelopes

Cereal and dry food boxes (remove the liner)

Paperback books

Magazines, catalogs and phone books

Paper wrapping paper



Aluminum and tin cans:

Empty and rinse out food residue, labels are OK

Soda cans

Canned food cans



Frozen food boxes

Juice boxes

Milk cartons



Scrap metal:

Limit 2 ft. x 2 ft. x 2 ft., 35 lbs; no wood, plastic, or rubber attachments.



Glass jars and bottles, any color:

Empty and rinse out food residue, labels are OK



Cardboard:

Flatten



Recycle More. It's Easy To Do.

Not sure? Check the What Do I Do With...? Web site or call 206-296-4466

YARD WASTE &

These kinds of things go in the yard waste cart.

Grass Clippings
& leaves

Houseplants
(no pots)

Tree branches
(under 4' long, 4" in diam.)



Weeds

Twigs, branches
and roots from
pruning



FOOD SCRAPS

Fruit and vegetable
scraps and leftovers

Bread, pasta and grains

Eggshells and nutshells

Coffee filters and grounds

Teabags and tea leaves

Meat, fish, poultry, beans

Dairy products (yogurt,
cheese, etc.)



Greasy pizza delivery boxes

Paper towels
and napkins

Shredded paper
(small amounts)

Uncoated paper plates
and cups*

Uncoated paper food wrap*

Uncoated paper food bags*

Paper grocery bags
containing food scraps

Paper egg cartons

Paper berry cartons



Recycle food. It's easy to do.

1. Find a collection method that works for you.

- a paper grocery bag
- a reusable plastic, metal or ceramic container with a lid
- an approved compostable kitchen bag (available at stores)

2. Empty contents of your container
into the yard waste cart frequently.

- layer food scraps with yard waste, newspaper or shredded paper to absorb liquids

3. Contact your garbage hauler for cart cleaning or replacement.

*Tip: *Uncoated paper
does not have a shiny surface.*

Not sure? Check www.Recyclefood.com or call 206-296-4466

GARBAGE

These kinds of things go in the garbage can.

Plastics:

Take-out containers

Plastic bags/drycleaner bags*

Styrofoam and packing peanuts

Caps and lids

Polystyrene cups and egg cartons

Stretch wrap

Motor oil and antifreeze containers

Plastic bakery and meat trays

Plastic cups, plates and utensils

Empty prescription vials



**Tip: Bag the plastic bags and take them to your grocery store.*

Paper:

Food-soiled frozen food boxes (like meal entrees)

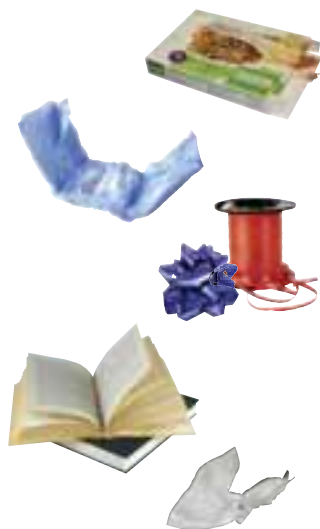
Disposable diapers

Ribbons or foil wrapping paper

Hardback books*

Wax and plastic-coated cardboard

Dirty or soiled paper and tissue



**Tip: Donate books to a local charity or school.*

Glass:

Mirrors and window glass

Ceramics and dishes

Broken glass

Incandescent and halogen light bulbs only (no fluorescent tubes or bulbs)



Aluminum and tin:

Caps, rings and lids

Aluminum foil and foil trays

Empty aerosol spray cans

Latex paint cans containing hardened or solidified paint (leave top off)*

Oil containers



**Tip: Use kitty litter or paint hardener to solidify latex paint.*

Metal:

Sharp or greasy metal

Metal caps and lids

Clothes hangers*

Small appliances such as toasters, microwaves, coffee makers etc.



**Tip: Donate clothes hangers to a local charity.*

Alkaline Batteries:

Flashlight or toy such as A, AA, AAA, B, C, D, 9-volt*



**Tip: Use rechargeable batteries. Many retail stores now accept rechargeable batteries for recycling.*

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What Do I Do With?

Electronics:

King County prohibits the disposal of the following electronic products in the garbage, at transfer stations and at household hazardous waste facilities.

Computers,
including main-frame,
desktop and laptops



Computer monitors,
including cathode ray tubes and flat panel

TVs

Cell phones



These products need to be recycled. Visit the Take it Back Network www.takeitbacknetwork.org to locate a recycling facility for these and other electronic products such as printers, fax machines and household electronics or call 206-296-4466.



Mercury-Containing Products:

These are prohibited from disposal in the garbage and at county transfer stations. Please recycle these products.

Fluorescent bulbs and tubes
including "green tipped or low mercury" tubes and compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs)



Recycle fluorescent bulbs and tubes through the Take it Back Network or call 206-296-4466.

"Button" batteries
coin-shaped batteries such as hearing aid, watch, digital



Mercury switches

Thermometers



Thermostats

For recycling of other mercury-containing products call the Household Hazards Line at 206-296-4692.

Large appliances:

Many appliances can be repaired or donated for reuse. Older appliances may contain chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), which must be removed before disposal. Four county transfer stations take appliances for a fee.

Large appliances include:

Dehumidifiers

Air-conditioners

Dishwashers

Clothes washers and dryers

Stoves and ranges

Furnaces



Batteries:

Many types of batteries are not allowed in the garbage or at county transfer stations, but can be recycled at local businesses.

Lead acid automobile batteries

Rechargeable batteries

Visit www.rbrc.org for recycling locations or a household hazardous waste collection site.



Button batteries

See the mercury containing products section.

UPS

(Uninterruptible power supply batteries) such as computer back up batteries.



Alkaline batteries

(flashlight and toy) may be placed in the garbage, but many businesses will also take them.



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Tips & Hints

- ✓ Recycling more can reduce the size of your garbage can and save on your garbage bill. A recycling fee is included in your garbage service fee. Please recycle.
- ✓ Check with your garbage hauler for a complete list of recyclable items.
- ✓ You can recycle meat, bones, fish, poultry, dairy, fruit, vegetables and food-soiled paper with your yard trimmings in the yard waste cart provided by your garbage service provider.
- ✓ Over half of what people usually throw away can be recycled. The average King County resident generates over 16 lbs of garbage per week or approximately a half ton of garbage per year.

Waste prevention and reduction

Before you buy, use or discard something, ask yourself

Reduce: Do I really need to buy this?

Reuse: Can I or somebody else use the product again?

Recycle: Can I purchase the product with recycled content?

Rethink: Can I rent or borrow it instead?

Your everyday actions and decisions have a direct effect on the amount of waste generated in King County. Measure your impact by using King County's EcoConsumer Waste Calculator at www.kcecoconsumer.com



RESOURCES

What Do I Do With? • www.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste

Your online source of information to help you dispose of materials properly.

King County Solid Waste Division • www.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste

Find garbage and recycling collection information or call 206-296-4466.

King County Online Exchange • www.kingcounty.gov/exchange

A free exchange to buy, sell or give away reusable household items and building materials.

Take it Back Network • www.takeitbacknetwork.org

Recycle electronics and mercury-containing fluorescent bulbs and tubes.

Buy a discounted **food scrap counter top container** or compost bin.

www.composters.com/kingcounty

Subscribe to **yard waste collection** by contacting your waste hauler.

www.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste

Household Hazardous Waste collection sites

www.govlink.org/hazwaste/house/disposal/othersites/index.html